

THOUSANDS JAM CITY FOR CIVIC CENTER DEDICATION, BIG PARADE

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Celebration to Continue Today at Municipal Pool

"We believe in decentralized government, keeping it next to the people," Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers said here yesterday. "This new civic center signifies that factor." Making his appearance as the principal speaker at the formal dedication program, the Lieutenant Governor paid tribute to the people of the area which had made the civic center project possible.

Others speaking at the formal dedication ceremonies included Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, Jr., whose 40th Division of the California National Guard was enroute to camp for a two-week training session while he spoke.

Guard Stays Over

On hand were members of the Torrance company of the Guard, who had been granted special permission to start to camp late so they could participate in the dedication celebrations.

The formal ceremonies yesterday afternoon followed a colorful two-hour parade which was viewed by thousands who lined Torrance Blvd. from Sartori Ave. to the new civic center at Maple Ave.

Parade Marshall Gene Biscailluz and Star Thomas Mitchell received enthusiastic applause along the parade route. Others receiving the applause of thousands during the parade included the ancient vehicles from Long Beach, the many colorful mounted units—most of them in costume—and beautiful floats entered by the Torrance and Long Beach Chambers of Commerce.

Memorial Presented
Preceding the formal dedication yesterday, Mrs. Gertrude Dobson, president of the Gold Star Mothers, escorted by a

guard of honor, placed a wreath at the new War Memorial presented to the city by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

After the dedication ceremonies, which were presided over by Mayor Albert Iselt, the public toured the new civic center buildings.

Also on the program yesterday afternoon was an RCA rodeo on the site to be used for a municipal court building in the near future.

A water festival and a dance to Harry Babbitt's orchestra wound up the celebration last night.

Today's activities will include a repeat performance of the water festival at 1 p.m. and a second rodeo at 2:30 p.m. Open house at the civic center buildings will be held again today from 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Wild Auto Hurts Five Newsboys, Man Held

Newsboys Injured By Careening Car

A Los Angeles man was booked at Lennox Sheriff's Station yesterday morning on felony drunk driving following a spectacular crash on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita, in which five newsboys were hurt.

Calvin Baker, 22, of 1807 E. 106th St., Los Angeles, was transferred to County Jail after booking by deputies.

Pioneer Local Family Sells City Landmark

Misses Rosa and Kathryn Ortman, pioneer Torrance residents, have sold the Ortman Inn, 1729 Cabrillo Ave. They have taken possession of a new home at 1404 Beech Ave.

New owners of the business are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hines, formerly of Nebraska. The sale was negotiated by Paul Vonderahe, salesman for Perry L. Connell, local realtor.

EPISCOPAL MEN TO SEE JET AIR FILM

David Attridge, of 22920 S. Meyler St., will show a color film on the P-89, Northrop Scorpion at the Tuesday meeting of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Men's Fellowship. The group will meet at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, preceded by a 7:30 prayer service in the church.

Every man in the parish is urged to attend. John E. Getchofer is program chairman.

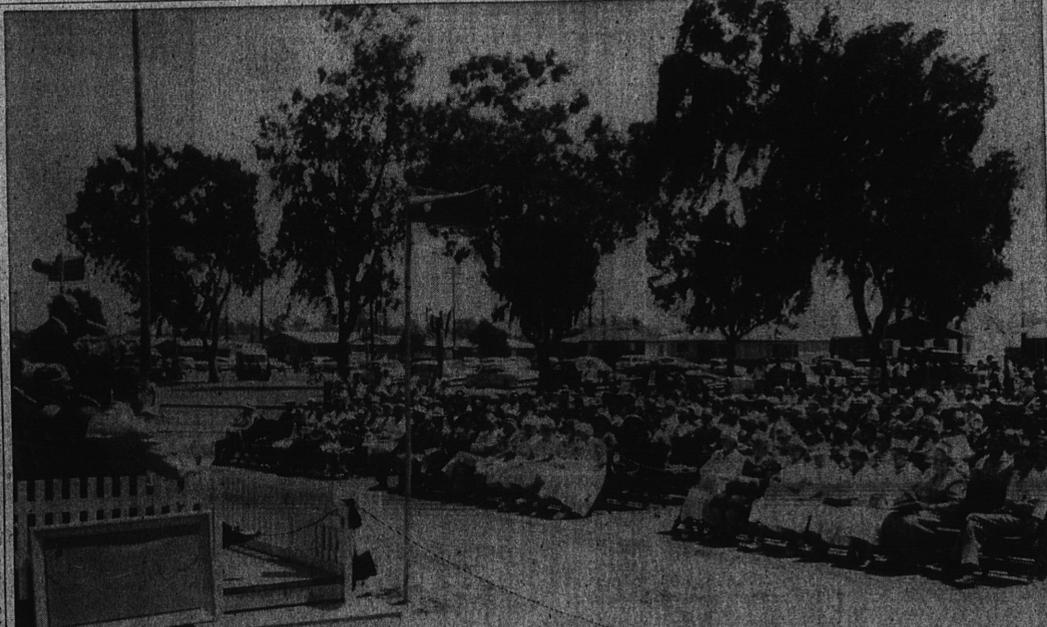
California Highway Patrolmen and deputies who answered the accident call said Baker apparently failed to negotiate a turn into a liquor store parking lot at 2022 Pacific Coast Highway, causing the wreck. His car careened onto the sidewalk, smashed the front of the liquor store and sent the five boys sprawling.

Most seriously hurt is Henry Leroy Hudgins, 11, of 25205 Cypress Ave., Lomita, who was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a compound fracture of the left leg and other undetermined injuries. Duffy Edward McVay, 13, of 25334 Cypress Ave., was also taken to Harbor Hospital. His injuries were undetermined.

The other three boys were taken to Hillside Emergency Hospital with lesser hurts. They are Eugene William Gimenez, 15, of 2032 W. 263rd St., James Edwin Hunter, 13, of 26320 Fairview, and Jack Carroll Curtis, 13, of 25334 Cypress.

All were carriers for a metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper. They had just finished their routes when the accident occurred.

Deputies reported that bent and broken bicycles were scattered over the sidewalk and street.



THE CROWD... This shot of crowd shows some of local and Southland citizens who turned out to hear dignitaries at Civic Center opening yesterday afternoon. Cool breezes kept the temperatures down to make the

afternoon a comfortable one for the thousands who watched the parade, took in dedication ceremonies, the rodeo, barbecue, and still had time to tour new buildings.

Two Diseases Reported

One case of epilepsy and one of mumps were the statistical totals for reportable diseases in Torrance for the week ending Aug. 4, the County Health Department has revealed.

Young Mother Dies After Crash Ordeal

A 23-year-old Hawthorne woman died early Friday of injuries sustained in a traffic collision Thursday at Normandie Ave. and 190th St.

Mrs. Joan Harmon, of 143 W. 138th St., died in Harbor General Hospital from injuries. She was a passenger in a car driven by her mother, Mrs. Anna Youngblood, 52, Hawthorne. Others in the car were Danny Harmon, 3, son of the dead woman, and Beverly Fleurchamp, 10, of 2021 Ripley Ave., Redondo.

The car collided with a laundry truck driven by Don-

ald Leavy, 24, of Long Beach. Mrs. Harmon and her son were pinned under the overturned truck for a half hour, police say. The boy, Mrs. Youngblood and the Fleurchamp girl all suffered serious injuries, authorities said.

The truck driver suffered a possible fractured skull in the wreck.

The boy was reported to be in critical condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital. Mrs. Youngblood and the Fleurchamp girl were being treated there, too.

According to reports the truck went out of control after the two vehicles collided and toppled over on the two victims. They were not freed until a passing truck driver used a hydraulic jack to lift the truck.

Policemen Are Acquitted On Woman's Charge

A jury acquitted two Long Beach policemen last week of falsely arresting and roughing up a Torrance woman on July 25, 1953, after Judge Ralph K. Pierson directed the jurors to return an innocent verdict.

Mrs. Millicent A. Wilson, 28, of 3321 W. 180th St., had filed a \$30,127 damage suit against Officers Willis E. Platt and Donald E. Phelps, of the Long Beach P.D. Platt now is a sergeant.

She said that on the 1953 date she was falsely arrested and roughed up by the pair. Judge Pierson ruled, however, there was sufficient evidence to show the officers had reason to believe she was drunk.

Both officers denied there had been any rough stuff.

Temperatures

The following daily temperatures were recorded in Torrance last week at the fire department main station:

	Low	High
Sunday	50	78
Monday	54	80
Tuesday	55	80
Wednesday	58	76
Thursday	58	76
Friday	55	73
Saturday	57	74



(Herald Photo)

HOSPITAL GIFT... Members of the Torrance Lions Club this week presented a new eye magnet, useful in removing deeply imbedded magnetic particles from eyes, to Torrance Memorial Hospital. Showing the instrument to Administrator Leonard Ensminger (left) are (right) Dr. John Nursall, Warren Hamilton, and President Abe Robinson of the club. Sight conservation is a major project of Lions Clubs throughout the world.



(Herald Photo)

TO THE COLORS... As the American flag unfurls, Marines of the color guard salute in impressive ceremony during opening moments of official dedication ceremonies. While the Marines raised the flag for the first time over the new City Hall, the Torrance Area Youth Band played the National Anthem.